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**CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY WASHINGTON  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
JANUARY 22, 2014  
LAKE WILDERNESS LODGE  
22500 SE 248<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bubnick called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Chair Bubnick, Vice-Chair Sanderson, Commissioner Credle, Commissioner Weiler, Commissioner Tallman, and Commissioner Gilbert-Newell

Absent: Commissioner Larson

Staff Present: Greg Brown & Deanna Parsons

**3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Director Brown explained the election process and explained the terms of the positions. Currently we have three positions expiring and those will be taken care of as soon as the Park Plan process is complete. Tonight we will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair.

- Director Brown opened the floor for nominations for the Chair position.
- Chair Bubnick nominated Commissioner Weiler.
- Commissioner Weiler nominated Commissioner Gilbert-Newell.
- The nominations closed and Director Brown asked for a show of hands in the order of the nominations.
- Commissioner Weiler received 5 votes and was announced as Chair.
- Former Chair Bubnick handed the gavel to Chair Weiler and the process began for Vice-Chair.
- Vice-Chair Sanderson nominated Commissioner Gilbert-Newell.
- Commissioner Gilbert Newell nominated Vice-Chair Sanderson.
- The nominations closed and Chair Weiler asked for a show of hands in order of the nominations.
- Commissioner Gilbert-Newell received 1 vote.
- Vice-Chair Sanderson received 4 votes and will remain as the Vice-Chair.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jan White 21846 271<sup>st</sup> Ave SE Maple Valley addressed the Commissioners regarding ideas for the development of the Henry Switch property. Ms. White brought a hand-out to the Commissioners regarding South Sound Critter Care which is a wildlife rehabilitation center located in Maple Valley. Ms. White is hoping the City would

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consider a new facility getting into the Park Plan so that in the future the facility can grow and offer our community a very unique opportunity. A copy of the handout is attached to the minutes.

### 5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Tallman made a motion to approve the agenda, Commissioner Gilbert-Newell seconded, **Motion** carried 6-0.

### 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Credle made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11th meeting, Commissioner Gilbert-Newell seconded, **Motion** carried 6-0.

### 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

No Public Hearing

### 8. CONTINUED BUSINESS

None

### 9. NEW BUSINESS

#### **Review Draft PRCHS Plan**

The consultant presented the commissioners with the draft PRCHS plan. A brief explanation of the document included:

- Looking for edits and input to complete the document
- The document needs to contain specific information to meet state requirements, those requirements are included
- At least half of the document includes supporting materials
- Old PRCHS Plan had 7 park classifications, new plan has only 4 (referring to pages 11-15 of the plan)
- The inventory of recreation resources indicates healthy numbers
- Level of service standards still shows a parkland deficit but less than the old plan (referring to pages 66-70 of the plan)
- Elevates the unmet need for fields, stated the situation has remained unchanged since the prior plan in 2007
- Chapter 4 (Goals and Objectives) contains titles on each page with actions and objectives(referring to pages 43-46 of the plan)
- Map on page 74 in the plan shows proposed trails, bikeways, and neighborhood greenways, which is a new component to the plan
- Needs and recommendations in chapter 5 utilizes information from the survey, the two open houses and conversations with the commission

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- Community Center project is mentioned in the Capital Facilities Plan, suggesting a facility study to determine the definition of a community center the size needed, and programming aspects to be included

### **Feedback from Commissioners on the draft:**

- Plan is easier to read, more realistic and tighter
- Explanation requested for why HOA parks included in the inventory (Consultant response was “just to show the number of private areas”)
- Are we focusing more on areas or buildings? Provide more emphasis on park space
- New standards are clear
- Good idea to include Elk Run Golf Course property as possible property City could purchase
- Goals and objectives sections are easy to read and clearly define what we need to do and who is responsible for meeting the goal and objective
- Beef up the language on the Human Services page regarding partnering
- Have there been conversations with the school district regarding the development of Summit Park as stated in the plan? (Director Brown stated the school district does not have a signed agreement to purchase the property from King County at this time, but there will be conversations soon)
- Where are teens connected and how do we get teens involved in the community? Would like to have that included in the plan (Consultant said he would take another look at this)
- Would like to see more in the plan about Maple Valley being a gateway to Mount Rainier and other recreation areas

The consultant would like the commissioners to take more time with the draft plan and get edits and suggestions to Director Brown by January 27<sup>th</sup> by 5pm. The draft will be presented to Council on February 10<sup>th</sup> and all commissioners should plan to attend.

Director Brown will send out a reminder email to Commissioners on the Friday before the council meeting. The Commissioners asked Director Brown to also send an email with all meeting dates and times so they can update their calendars.

The consultant said after checking with the state there is little wiggle room on the deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Council will need to give final approval on February 24<sup>th</sup> to meet the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

### **10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **11. COMMISSION/STAFF REPORTS**

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Director Brown reported that the dock project had a slight glitch. The Department of Natural Resources notified the City that they will need a lease agreement to put the dock in. An aquatic survey is required so that we can lease the land in order to re-install the dock. The final design is done and bid documents will most likely go out in February.

King County Park levy passed yet there are no meetings scheduled at this time with the Tri-City Trail group.

### **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING MEETING**

Next meeting will be February 26, 2014 unless it is determined a meeting is needed before that time after the Council meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **13. ADJOURN**

Chair Weiler adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

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Deanna Parsons, Administrative Coordinator